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SUBJECT: MBFR: DATA STUDIES; SECURITY IMPLICATIONS OF RELEASE OF
NATO DATA

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1. DURING PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION AT JULY 1 WG SESSION ON THE
SECURITY IMPLICATIONS OF THE RELEASE OF NATO TANK DATA ON NATO
FORCES TO THE EAST IN CONNECTION WITH THE SPC MANDATE TO THE WG
(REFS A AND

B), IT WAS THOUGHT THAT THERE WOULD BE FEW OBJECTIONS ON SECURITY GROUNDS TO THE RELEASE OF FIGURES FOR TANKS
ASSOCIATED WITH MAJOR COMBAT FORMATIONS DOWN TO BRIGADE LEVEL
OR OF TANKS ALLOCATED FOR TRAINING. IT WAS ALSO DECIDED THAT
THE RELEASE OF TANK FIGURES ON RESERVE STOCKS, EITHER AS
MAINTENANCE FLOAT OR WAR RESERVE, WOULD PRESENT SECURITY

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IMPLICATIONS WHICH MUST BE XAMINED MORE CLOSELY SINCE SUCH
FIGURES MIGHT INDICATE THE OVERALL STATUS OF FORCE READINESS.

2. DURING THE DISCUSSION, THE UK REP (GERAHTY) RAISED THE

QUESTION OF RELEASE OF FUGURES ON TANKS THAT ARE IN PRE-POSITIONED STOCKS AVAILABLE TO DUAL-BASED UNITS. SINCE THIS APPLIES ONLY TO THE US, HE ASKED WHAT WOULD E THE US VIEW ON THE SECURITY IMPLICATIONS OF THE RELEASE OF SUCH DATA TO THE EAST. THE US REP AGREED TO INFORM THE WG ON THE US POSITION.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: REQUEST COMMENT THAT CAN BE PROVIDED TO THE WG ON THE SEUCURITY IMPLICATIONS OF RELEASING FIGURES ON US TANKS PRE-POSITIONED FOR USE BY DUAL-BASED UNITS.

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